

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 5, page 1 of the specification with the following rewritten paragraph:

The principle of achieving flexibility through downloadable control software has previously been used in the field of secure rendering. Such a system is known from Bart J. van Rijnsoever, Peter Lenoir and Jean-Paul M.G. Linnartz, "Interoperable protection for digital multimedia content", IEEE (Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Inc.) International Multimedia Conference and Exhibit, New York, 2000.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 17, page 7 of the specification with the following rewritten paragraph:

An alternative approach to encode information in a physical parameter of the storage medium uses a modulated pregroove, as described in US 5,901,123 to ~~Pioneer~~ and US 6,075,761 to ~~Sony and Pioneer~~. Other approaches are of course also possible.